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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.17 (a)

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to respond to the Examiner's Office Action mailed, January 25, 2006 in which a three-month period for response expired on April 25, 2006. After

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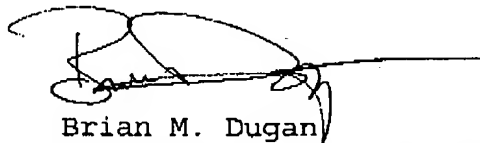
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granting the Request for a three-month extension of time,  
the response period will expire on July 25, 2006.  
Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1696 in the amount of  
\$1,020.00 to cover the three-month extension fee.

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Respectfully submitted,



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